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SUBJ: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE: KOREAN REQUEST
FOR USG ASSISTANCE

REF: MOUSKY-MARSHALL TELCON OF 11 JULY 1974

1. REPRESENTATIVE PERMDEL ROK (MINISTER LANG YONG PARK)
CALLED ON USUN WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROK TO REQUEST
ASSISTANCE AND GOOD OFFICES OF USG ON THE FOLLOWING
MATTERS RELATED TO ATTENDANCE ITS NINE MAN DELEGATION
TO WPC IN BUCHAREST NEXT MONTH:

A) PARK INSTRUCTED ASK USG IF ROK DELEGATION COULD
BE GRANTED PERMISSION UTILIZE USG COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
IN ROMANIA FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF IMPORTANT "SECURE"
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SEOUL AND BUCHAREST. FYI. ROK HAS
NO EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST.

B) PARK WANTED TO KNOW IF USG EMBASSY IN ROMANIA
OR ADVANCE PARTY FOR WPC WOULD TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES
RENT TWO ADDITIONAL CARS (THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL
FURNISH ONE CAR FOR EACH DELEGATION) FOR USE OF RKG
DELEGATION. ROK WOULD REIMBURSE USG BUT WAS AFRAID ALL
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AVAILABLE CARS WOULD BE RENTED BEFORE ITS THREE MAN

ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVED BUCHAREST 14 AUGUST.

C) REQUESTED THAT THE USG APPRISE ROK OF ANY INFORMATION IT LEARNS RE THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO THE WPC. FYI. AS OF 11 JULY THE NORTH KOREANS, WHO INCIDENTALLY HAVE AN EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST, HAVE NOT TOLD THE UN WHETHER OR NOT THEY PLANNED ATTEND WPC.

D) REQUESTED THAT THE USG USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH ENTRY INTO ROMANIA (VISAS ETC.) OF ITS DELEGATION AS WELL AS OF TWO SOUTH KOREANS WHO (PAYING THEIR OWN WAY) HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT INC. TO PARTICIPATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM TWENTY-FIVE OTHER COUNTRIES IN A FOLK ARTS/TRADITIONAL CRAFTS EXHIBIT AND FOLKLORE SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN BUCHAREST 21-26 AUGUST--ONE OF THE SO-CALLED PARALLEL ACTIVITIES TO THE WPC BEING PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE UNFPA.

2. UNDERSTAND FROM REF TELCON THAT SOUTH KOREANS HAVE ALSO APPROACHED DEPARTMENT A FEW WEEKS AGO RE WPC BUT WITH LESS SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

3. PARK INDICATED THAT ROK VIEWED WPC AS VERY IMPORTANT, WAS FEARFUL NORTHKOREANS MIGHT ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS OR OTHERWISE HASSLE THEM IN BUCHAREST. PARK HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY ASSURED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WPC (TOWNLEY TOLD MISOFF THAT PARK HAD SEEN HIM FOUR TIMES IN PAST MONTH) AND BY THE ROMANIANS PERMDEL TO THE UN (ROPOTAN) THAT BOTH THE UN AND THE GOR WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THE ROK DELEGATIONS TO BOTH THE WPC AND THE FOLK FORMS SEMINAR. NOTE: THE ROK HAVE NOT YET NAMED THE HEAD OF THEIR DELEGATION OR SUBMITTED VISAS FOR ANY MEMBERS OF THEIR DELEGATION TO THE ROMANIANS. KOREANS DO HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT ROOMS AT THE NORD HOTEL.

4. USUN REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ROK COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY MINISTER PARK.

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